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1. Approximately 98% of the inhabitants of Macao are Chinese and I would say that well over 50% of the population is pro-Communist. Although all visitors are supposed to report at the Police Station for registration, it is very easy for Chinese residents of the mainland to go and come as they please.
2. The Portuguese have between two and three thousand colored troops in Macao and on 29 Jul 52, there was a minor battle between the Portuguese troops and Communist soldiers on the mainland. A few Negro soldiers and a few Communists were killed, but since both Communist China and the Portuguese desire to maintain the status quo, nothing serious came of this fight.
3. The Communists need Macao as a port to receive foreign supplies and the Portuguese, of course, wish to retain possession of the peninsula.
4. There is an additional port at Whang Po where ships, which for one reason or another do not desire to dock at Macao, often put in. Small ocean-going liners can dock at this port. UK ships and those belonging to the satellite countries often put in at this port. Ships that are too large to dock at Whang Po often anchor out in the stream and are unloaded by sampans.

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